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TO : MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

DATE: 25 September 1952

FROM : Acting General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation

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1. Discussed with Colonel White on this date the following pieces of proposed legislation:

a. Colonel White requested to be added to the existing proposed legislation, legislation to lift the ceiling from the fifteen retired officers provided for under P. L. 53. This was the first notification received by ~~this office~~ of a specific request.

b. Colonel White had heard in the Deputies' meeting a request dealing with statutory powers for the CIA General Counsel. I explained to Colonel White that I had just finished discussing, among other things, this matter with the DCI. The DCI had stated that in the proposed legislation, which he knew I had prepared, that in addition to the three statutory deputies, he wished a statutory General Counsel. I explained to Colonel White that this presumably was the outgrowth of my discussions with Mr. Becker on Tuesday night. Therefore, I assumed that what the DCI wished was: (1) Statutory position of General Counsel, (2) Authority to represent CIA in court hearings and (3) Provision to hire special attorneys where necessary. Colonel White accepted my interpretation since I had apparently initiated the thoughts and had just talked to the DCI.

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